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For: POWER CONVERTING	)	
APPARATUS, CONTROL	:	
METHOD THEREFOR, AND	)	
SOLAR POWER GENERATION	:	
APPARATUS	)	November 29, 2005

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) JP 09 084254
- (2) JP 09 285015
- (3) JP 2000 023371
- (4) EP 0 679 898
- (5) EP 0 878 850

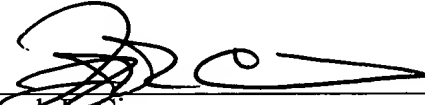
The concise explanations of relevance for documents (1) to (3) are provided in the form of English-language abstracts attached hereto.

The foregoing documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. European Patent 0 884 817, as listed on the European Search Report, was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement dated July 10, 2002 and is not being cited herein for that reason. A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated August 31, 2005, is enclosed.

The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits, but has not received a Final action. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R 1.97(c). Therefore, in view of the date of the European Search Report, it is hereby submitted that each item of information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a foreign counterpart application not more than three months before the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

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